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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH GA: CHINESE ROLE

1. AS REPORTED SEPTELS, ALGERIAN AMB RAHAL JOINED DUTCH AMB FACK IN CONSULTING WITH FIRST COMITE CHAIRMAN BORCH MORNING NOV 21 TO WORK OUT FINAL ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO COMITE ORDER OF BUSINESS, INCLUDING READING OF CONSENSUS, IN FINAL DAY OF FIRST COMITE DEBATE.

2. CHINESE, HOWEVER, CONTINUED TO MONITOR SITUATION VERY CLOSELY. CHOU TELEPHONED US MID-EVENING NOV 20 TO SEEK ROK COSPONSORS COOPERATION ON SEVERAL ISSUES RELATING TO TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT. CHINESE AMB HUANG ALSO WORKED (IN ADDITION TO COMITE CHAIRMAN, FACK AND RAHAL) TO PERSUADE SAUDI AMB BAROODY, WHO HAD OWN DRAFT, TO PERMIT CONSENSUS TO GO THROUGH SMOOTHLY. CHINESE ALSO SOLICITED OUR COOPERATION IN ENCOURAGING ROK AND DPRK NOT TO SPEAK AT END OF DEBATE. (ROK QUITE HAPPY NOT TO SPEAK; DPRK INSISTED ON SPEAKING; SO BOTH DID SPEAK.)

3. HOWEVER, PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC CONTACTS BETWEEN TWO COSPONSORS GROUPS CONTINUED TO BE FACK-RAHAL CHANNEL. NETHERLANDS-ALGERIA ROLE SO FAR SEEMS TO BE GENERALLY ACCEPTED BY OTHERS (DESPITE OCCASIONAL MURMURS OF SINO-US ROLE, HOPEFULLY BASED ON SECRETARY'S PEKING VISIT AND NOT ON LEAKS IN NEW YORK). THIS ILLUSTRATED BY DUTCH REPORT THAT BOTH BELGIANS AND ITALIANS

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HAVE COMPLAINED STRONGLY TO DUTCH OF LATTER'S FAILURE TO CONSULT EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES REGARDING DUTCH NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALGERIANS.

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